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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****FEB 28 2006****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re the Application of:**Lynette R. GRIFFITHS *et al.***Appln. No.:** 09/700,270**Filed:** April 16, 2001**For:** POLYMORPHISM IN A NITRIC
OXIDE SYNTHASE GENE**Examiner:** Cynthia B. Wilder**Art Unit:** 1637**Conf. No.:** 2851**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This submission is filed in response to an Office action dated September 29, 2005, setting a shortened statutory time for response expiring on December 29, 2005. This submission is timely filed by February 28, 2006 with a two-month extension of time fee included herewith. Claims 1-7 and 12-16 are rejected in the Office action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following is offered in response.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper (along with anything referred to as being attached) is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage via first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop: Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Joy Day

February 28, 2006

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